

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 4, 2021

## **Daily COVID-19 Update for Montgomery County**

Status Update from the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – Montgomery County Public Health District, in conjunction with the Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, is continuing to ask residents to closely adhere to CDC guidelines as Montgomery County, and the rest of the nation, experiences record high COVID-19 active cases. Earlier today, we released information on vaccines, which are being distributed on the state level. For more information on that, please see the previous release here: <a href="https://mcphd-tx.org/wp-content/uploads/VACCINE-DISTRIBUTION-IN-MONTGOMERY-COUNTY.pdf">https://mcphd-tx.org/wp-content/uploads/VACCINE-DISTRIBUTION-IN-MONTGOMERY-COUNTY.pdf</a>.

Until this virus is under control, please recommit to following these guidelines:

- Avoid groups of people.
- Practice social distancing.
- Wear a mask in public (over your nose and mouth) or with others who live outside your household. Never share a mask with others.
- Teach children proper hygiene and the correct way to wear a mask.
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer frequently.
- Disinfect surfaces in your car and around your home.

Click here for more information: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html</a>.

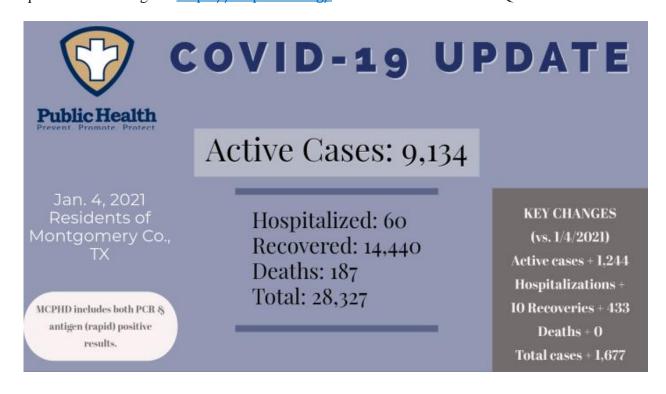
#### Today, we can confirm:

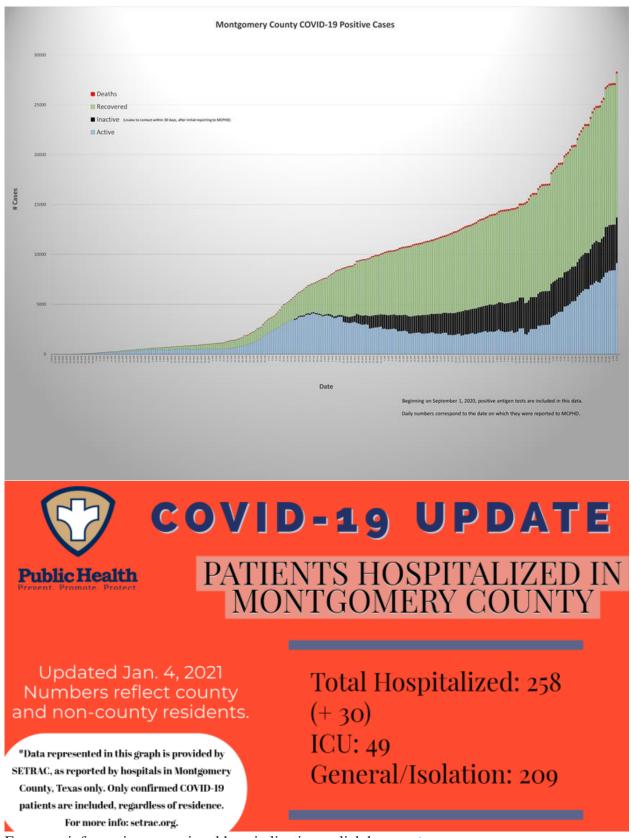
- TOTAL cases of COVID-19 increased by 1,677 to 28,327 since last Wednesday's (12/30) report. Of the 1,677 new cases, 1,647 were tested since 12/24/2020.
- ACTIVE cases of COVID-19 increased by 1,244 to 9,134 since last Wednesday's (12/30) report.
- 60 residents are known, as a result of contact investigations, to be in the hospital. Contact investigations have not been initiated on all reported cases.
- 14,440 people have clinically recovered.

# The Testing Positivity Rate for Montgomery County is 15%. This number is updated weekly on Wednesdays.

Source: UT Health, School of Public Health

\*These numbers include PCR and rapid antigen testing. We do not include antibody testing. Have questions? Please go to <a href="https://mcphd-tx.org/">https://mcphd-tx.org/</a> and scroll down to the FAQs.





For more information on regional hospitalizations, click here: setrac.org.

You can view the case-by-case updates on the MCPHD website here: <a href="https://mcphd-tx.org/coronavirus-covid-19/confirmed-cases/">https://mcphd-tx.org/coronavirus-covid-19/confirmed-cases/</a>. You can refer to the dashboard here: <a href="https://coronavirus-response-moco.hub.arcgis.com/">https://coronavirus-response-moco.hub.arcgis.com/</a>.

Do you have questions regarding COVID-19, COVID-19 testing or vaccines? The Montgomery County COVID-19 Call Center's number is 936-523-3916. It is open Monday-Friday from 8:00am – 4:30pm.

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